

Remarks

In view of the following remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

Claim 8 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-7 are pending.

The rejection of claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for obviousness over U.S. Patent No. 6,152,656 to Curtis et al. is rendered moot by the cancellation of claim 8 without prejudice. This rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of all of the foregoing, applicants submit that this case is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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